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**Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 00-256
Certification of Rural Carriers for Receipt of High-Cost Funds**

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (MDTC) respectfully submits this filing in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) requirement for state commissions to certify that rural carriers are using high-cost funds in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The MDTC certifies that the following rural carriers will use funds received for 2012 for rural high-cost support (including high-cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act:

Richmond Telephone Company (study area code 110037)
Granby Telephone Company d/b/a OTT Communications (study area code 110036)
Taconic Telephone Corp. d/b/a Fairpoint Communications (study area code 150084).

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Should the Commission require any additional information concerning this matter, kindly contact me at (617) 368-1101.

Respectfully submitted,

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